Inclusion of solid waste management in school curriculum

1353. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Urban Development has approached in Ministry of HRD, to include solid waste management in school curriculum to sensitise the younger generations to manage municipal waste in a hygienic and scientific manner; and

(b) if so, whether Government is thinking of taking a holistic view so that younger generations have wider exposure to environmental hazards, though it may be an isolated attempt to encourage the principle of reduce, reuse and recycle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Concepts of waste management have already been incorporated in the school curriculum prepared by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Class XII Geography textbook deals with 'Environmental Pollution' and 'Urban Waste Disposal". Similarly, textbooks for Classes VI, VII, X and XI contain Chapters on the subjects such as 'Garbage in Garbage out', 'Managing the Garbage We Produce', etc.

Primary school without buildings

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of primary schools operating without a building till now, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government for construction of buildings for these schools during the last three years;

(c) whether any policy has been formulated by Government for the promotion of primary education in States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per data base of District Information System for Education (DISE) collected and analysed by the National University for Educational Planning and Administration for the year 2006-07, 26551 Government primary schools did not have buildings. The State-wise details are at Statement-I (*See* below). These are largely on account of new schools opened/notified by State Govts., but where the construction of school buildings is still to be completed, at the time of annual DISE data collection.

(b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme, during the last three years, i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, a total number of 23901, 25024 and 42219 primary school buildings have been sanctioned respectively. The State-wise details for last three years are at Statement II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme to universalize elementary education in a time bound manner is being implemented in partnership with the States.

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